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**July 4th Celebration**

Enjoy the Alvin Community Band, Food & Fireworks Show!

Don't forget your lawn chairs and tune your radios to KACC 89.7

Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Location: Bob Briscoe Park
(3625 Briscoe Dr.)
Parking at Alvin Community College

Time: 5:00pm—7:30pm
Food Trucks/Bounce Houses

7:30pm—Community Concert Band

9:00pm—Fireworks Show

Alvin City Hall
216 West Sealy
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7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Community Connection

2017 Great Alvin Cleanup a Big Success

On May 6, 2017, the City of Alvin, Keep Alvin Beautiful, Waste Connections, Inc. and Alvin Community College partnered to host the 2017 Great Alvin Cleanup event. We are proud of the 567 volunteers who joined together to clean up areas of the Alvin community including roadways, ditches, parks and school properties. Citizens contributed by bringing bulk trash, electronic recyclables and paper to the drop off location at Alvin Community College. Over 9,655 pounds of electronic recyclable items and 800 pounds of paper were collected. 227 vehicles went to Alvin Community College to unload over 50 tons of bulk trash and household recyclables while volunteers collected 129 bags of trash and 62 bags of recyclables around the city.

The City of Alvin would like to thank all the partners and volunteers that played a key role in the success of the Great Alvin Cleanup again this year.



Staff Spotlight **Dixie Hughes** Fire Department Administrative Asst. II

Length of time working for the City of Alvin:
14 Years

What is your motto or personal mantra:
"Everything happens for a reason".

I'm happiest when: *I'm with my daughter and her family!*

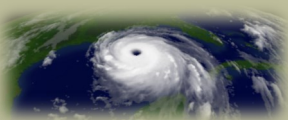
Favorite Travel Destination: *Anywhere with white sand and blue water.*

What have you always wanted to try but never have: *Go up in a hot air balloon.*

Something people would be surprised to learn about you: *I used to dress up like a rodeo clown, aka "Banana Belle".*



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Brazoria County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide will be mailed to every Brazoria County resident by the end of June.

Mark Your Calendar

The annual Hurricane Expo will be held July 8, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Brazoria County Fair Grounds. People can visit with area responders, view equipment, listen to presenters from the National Weather Service, kids programs from the Ready Heroes, free hotdogs and much more.



City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Happy 4th of July

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2nd Annual Art Walk Featured Extensive Range of Art

The 2nd Annual Alvin Art Walk was held on Saturday, May 6th. The Art Walk began with the unveilings of new art installations performed by Alvin High School (AHS) students at the Alvin Public Library. Under the guidance of AHS teacher Karin Stensrud, students created and installed the 2nd tile mural at the library. There was also an unveiling of the newly painted traffic box at the corner of



Sealy Street and Hood Street that was performed by students, led by AHS teacher Daniela Koontz. The decorative yarn displays in the downtown Alvin area were installed by students under the direction of AHS teacher Jonna Lee. Thanks to the dedication and vision of Alvin High School students and teachers, the City of Alvin continues to be able to appreciate unique and beautiful art pieces throughout the community.



Following the unveiling presentation, the 2nd Annual Alvin Art Walk featured over 30 local art vendors along Gordon Street, ranging from Willis Street to Adoue Street. Under the leadership of Mary Smith, the Alvin Area Art Society did a phenomenal job in attaining and organizing each vendor to create an eclectic array of art pieces on display and available for purchase. One particular artist remarked that she had hoped to sell all of her art pieces by 3:00 p.m. and she was well on her way, with only two paintings remaining at noon. The Alvin Art Walk featured an extensive range of art pieces, including paintings, photography, pottery, wood carving, stainless steel sculptures, crafted jewelry, and much more. The event was an overall resounding success, and would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication exhibited by the Alvin Area Art Society and Alvin Independent School District teachers and students.

Alvin Police Department Warns About Scams

The Alvin Police Department would like to remind everyone that scam artists are hard at work every day of the year. Just when you think "it can't happen to me", you find that someone is attempting to victimize you or a loved one. The types of scams that are being committed and attempted seem to be all-encompassing: IRS collection scams, home improvement scams, family member needing money in an emergency scams, failure to report for jury duty scams, arrest warrant scams, banking and credit account scams, jackpot winning scams, the list goes on. These scams can be avoided by remembering some basics: never send or give money to anyone without first verifying the claim(s), never give money to receive money, never share personal information (including account numbers and pass codes) unless you initiated the contact and have verified who is receiving the information, never pay for goods or service up-front and never succumb to pressure to decide "right now". A clear indication that someone is trying pull a scam is if they ask you to purchase pre-paid cards or gift cards then to provide them with the card number and pin number so they can access the card. Reputable businesses/entities do not and will not request these forms of payment. This is not the only form of payment that scam artists ask for, but it is currently a favorite. It is an unfortunate fact that many of these crimes go unreported because of a false sense of shame the victim feels once they discover they've been scammed. Remember, the best defense is simply to know that scam artists are always at work, and you or your loved ones could be the next target. For more information contact Detective Ruben Solano 281.585.7124 or at rsolano@cityofalvin.com.

